(8) राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श करके 17 प्रकार के अत्यधिक प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले उद्योगों में प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए एक समय-बद्ध कार्य योजना तैयार की गई है तथा एक अधिसूचना जारी की गई है, जिसके अंतर्गत इन श्रेणियों की प्रदूषित इकाइयों के लिए 31 दिसम्बर, 1991 तक मानकों को पूरा करना आवश्यक है;

(9) गंगा कार्य योजना के अंतर्गत गंगा की जल गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए एक विशेष परियोजना शुरू की गई।

(ङ) गंगा कार्य योजना के अंतर्गत प्रत्येक राज्य को आवंटित राशि इस प्रकार है:—

(करोड़ रुपए में)

क्रम सं.	वर्ष	उत्तर प्रदेश	बिहार	पश्चिम बंगाल
1.	1985–86	4.61	0.45	1.0
2.	1986–87	15.99	2.48	5.92
3.	1987–88	19.09	6.31	16.43
4.	1988–89	16.54	12.44	25.79
5.	1989–90	22.62	8.80	26.24
6.	1990–91	19.85	6.12	24.39

Privatisation of Railways

82. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated October 16, 1991 captioned, "Privatisation of Railways Mooted";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take regarding the re-employment of the large departmental catering staff who are likely to be retrenched if Railway Catering is privatised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Railways are exploring the possibilities of commercial exploitation of railway land. The details of the scheme for privatisation of the existing departmental catering unit have not yet been finalised.

"Ganges now dirty river of sorrow"

83. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ganges has become a polluted river and the people living on its banks are under constant threat of man-made floods, as per the news-item entitled "Ganges now dirty river of sorrow" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated October 21, 1991;

(b) If so, whether the Ganga Action Plan has failed to improve quality of water in river Ganges by reducing the pollution load on the river; and